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# Face of a rapist

SEVERAL new witnesses have come forward to speak to detectives investigating a brutal rape, although police have confirmed they have not yet established the scene of the attack.

Detective Chief Inspector Ian Oliver said officers were still sifting through CCTV images of the town centre during Friday night and the early hours of Saturday morning.

Specialist investigators are trying to piece together the movements of the rapist who led his victim to a secluded area of Northampton and assaulted her three times in a horrific two-hour ordeal.

The woman, aged 22, had to be assisted out of NBs nightclub in Bridge Street shortly after 2.30am on Saturday after "becoming unwell" during a night out with friends.

Almost half an hour later she was befriended by a man who led her down Francis Jetty, next to Revolutions, to his car in St Peter's Way and from there to an as-yet unidentified dead end, where she was raped three times.

Shortly after 5am she was bundled out of his car and left alone in York Road, at the junction of St Edmund's Road.

Det Chief Insp Oliver said: "We have received information from the public about this incident, however I would appeal for anyone who may recognise the description of this man to contact us as a matter of urgency."

"I would particularly like to speak to anyone who may have seen this man, described

as black or of dual heritage, between 5ft 5in and 5ft 9in, aged in his early 20s and of slim build. He had shoulder-length pleated or dreadlocked hair that was swept back. He had small eyes and distinctively thick lips," he added.

"I would urge anyone who may believe they have any information about this incident, no matter how irrelevant they think it may be, to contact us as soon as possible.

"This was a very serious incident and it is vital that any witnesses come forward with any information that will assist us."

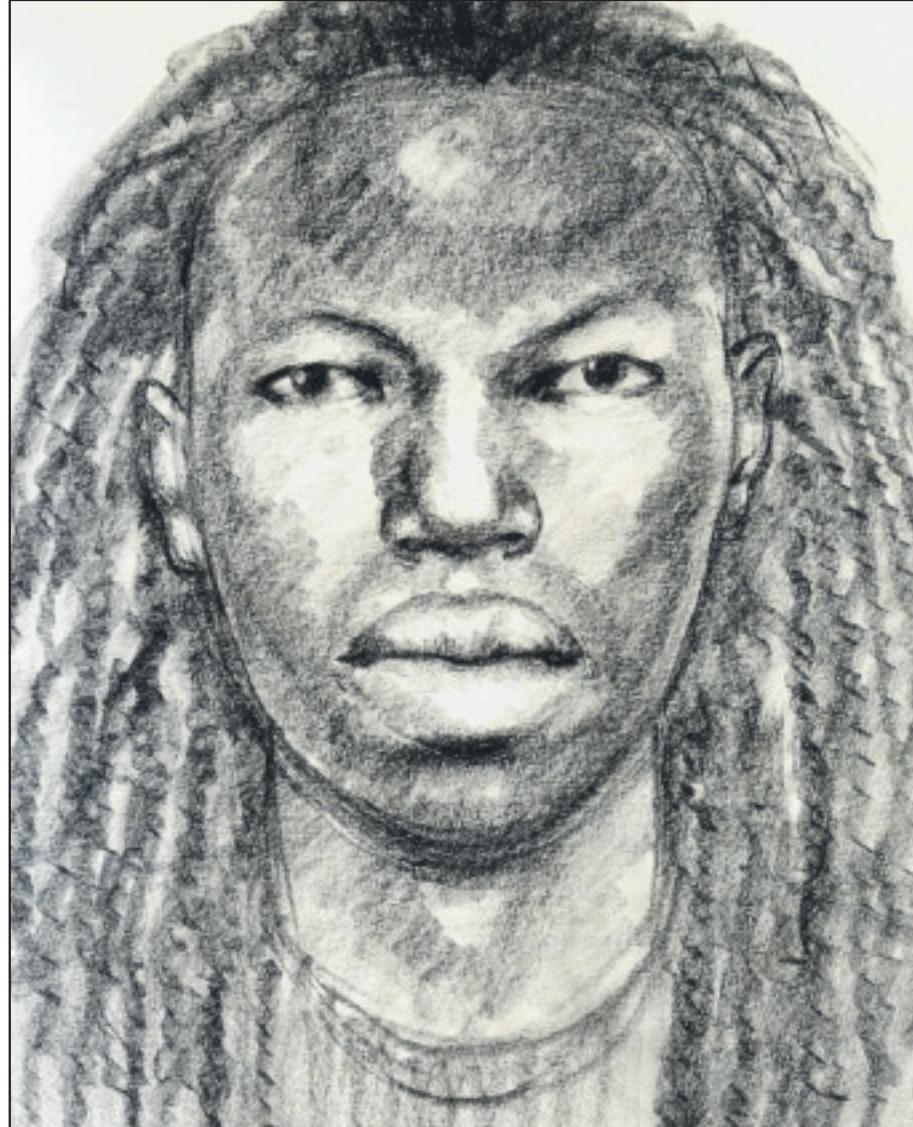
Witnesses can call police on 03000 111222 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Det Chief Insp Oliver added: "The woman is being cared for by a specially-trained officer. We are focusing our investigation on identifying this man and establishing the location where the assault took place."

The rape is believed to have happened on the eastern side of Northampton, towards Brackmills industrial estate.

The scene was described by the victim as a dead end, with no buildings nearby and metal security fencing all around. There was a warning sign on the fence and the grass behind it was described as "unkempt". Det Chief Insp Oliver said detectives had begun the painstaking task of searching through CCTV pictures of Bridge Street, the surrounding alleyways and St Peter's Way.

The victim, an Oriental woman who was wearing a three-quarter length coat, black tights and grey leather boots, is 5ft and of slight build.



An artist's impression of the man police want to question about the rape

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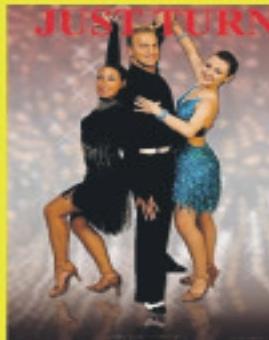
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# University arson fear



Halls of residence at The University of Northampton's Park Campus have been damaged by fires

A SERIES of fires at The University of Northampton halls of residence is being investigated by police as possible arson.

As many as five incidents have taken place in the same block of student flats at the university's Park Campus, in Boughton Green Road, since December.

Three fires are thought to have been set in the building in the past week, with the latest incident taking place during the early hours of Sunday morning.

A source from the university, who asked not to be named, said six students had been moved out of their accommodation while the incidents were being investigated.

He said: "The last fire was a pretty big one and both the police and firefighters have been

told about it and came out on the night.

"No-one has been put at any real risk of being injured yet but it's very worrying that it has happened so many times now because there are still students in the flats above and below where the fires are being started."

A spokeswoman for the university said the fires were being investigated by police, and reassured youngsters studying and living at Park Campus that security was taken very seriously.

She said: "The safety of our students is of utmost priority to The University of Northampton.

"We would like to reassure students and visitors that we have 24-hour security and fire detection equipment on both of our campuses.

Northamptonshire Police are investigating this incident and

we are working closely with the fire service and police to ensure the safety of our students."

The university's halls of residence at the Avenue and Park campuses are home to more than 1,600 students, mostly first-year undergraduates and international students.

Park Campus also contains the university's library, a restaurant, sports hall, shops, bars and a nightclub. The Northampton Business School, School of Education, School of Health and School of Social Sciences are all based at the campus.

A spokeswoman for Northamptonshire Police confirmed officers were called to the university shortly before 1pm on Sunday in response to reports of the latest fire.

She added: "This is being investigated as possible arson."

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# John scoops bet bonanza



A HORSE racing fan's amazing betting run saw him scoop a share of £269,000.

John Chambers, from Boothville, Northampton, is currently on the roll of his life and is now celebrating after he pocketed £12,266 on Saturday afternoon.

Eagle-eyed punter John won £1,700 on the "Scoop Six" two weekends ago after selecting all six winners of a Tote competition.

The win meant John, along with the other 125 people who picked the winners of the six televised races, was entered into a bonus race, the 3.35pm at Haydock on Saturday.

John's pick – the 7-1 shot Silver by Nature – duly romped home by 15 lengths, meaning the 44-year-old had scooped his share of the £269,000 kitty, along with the 21 other delighted winners.

John, who was a special guest at Haydock on Saturday, said: "I was standing in line with the winning post and then about eight fences from home it went from about eighth to second in one jump.

"I thought the leader had too much weight and wouldn't last and then when it came to

three from home I just thought if it could get over the last two it would be in the bag."

Despite the prospect of walking away with the biggest cheque of his life, John says he was not thinking of the money as his horse strode home.

He said: "I must have had more than 40 text messages on Saturday and I couldn't bear the thought of it falling at the first, but it was just fantastic. Unbelievable."

"My missus was crying, it was an unbelievable experience. I have never felt like that before, it was absolutely amazing. That feeling of studying the form, narrowing it down to two or three and then picking the horse on the day is amazing."

"The money is just a bonus to that feeling we both had when it crossed the line."

Despite the temptations of jetting off with his winnings on a luxury holiday, John will be putting his money in a more sensible place.

He said: "As soon as it goes into the bank on Tuesday or Wednesday, I am going to pay a chunk of the mortgage off.

"We have already got our holiday booked but the wife wants some new shoes so I will have to keep 50 quid back."

John Chambers prepares to crack open the champagne after his selection, Silver by Nature, romped home at Haydock

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# End to quick-fix pothole repairs

POTHOLE may take three times as long to repair as the county council plans to cut £300,000 from the roads budget, but councillors have promised an end to quick-fix repairs.

Road chiefs have proposed ditching Northamptonshire County Council's promise to fix all reported potholes within 28 days to save cash. Instead the council will promise a permanent repair within three months.

County council portfolio holder for transport Heather Smith said: "We will stop doing temporary repairs."

"We will do a planned full repair, but not within 28 days. It will likely to be within three months, but it will be a permanent repair. We will save a lot of money not going backwards and forwards to repair the same holes."

Motorcycle instructor Geoff Wylie, who claims county roads are a danger to motorcyclists, slammed the plans.

Mr Wylie, of Academy Bike Training, said: "We don't need to have anything cut out of the budget. We need to have our roads repaired."

"It made me smile when I saw that we need £20 million to repair our roads. We can find £20 million to help out other countries, and I know there are people dying out there, but that £20 million will save lives here."

Bob Williams, who has complained about the poor condition of roads for 28 years, said he was sceptical about the chance of permanent repairs.

He said: "I wouldn't hold my breath. It depends what they mean by a proper job. It's a complete waste of time and money."

Rebecca Miller of MGWSP, the company responsible for county roads, said: "It's worth the wait. It means that they are going to see much better use of the budget."

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Residents say they often struggle to find parking spaces, despite paying £25 a year for a permit  
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# Residents in parking showdown

**LONG-SUFFERING** residents have called a meeting to pressure the county council to tackle parking problems in their area.

Residents in The Mounts area of Northampton are angry that they have to pay £25 a year for a parking permit but often cannot find a place to park when they return from work.

They also claim streets with raised brick areas to prevent speeding are being used by fly-tippers.

Members of the Octagon Residents' Association, which covers streets off Overstone Road, are calling a meeting for locals to thrash out their complaints and put pressure on the county council to act.

A spokesman said: "Last September the council recruited a full-time person to undertake their own review of residents' parking.

"By November they'd removed him and told us the review would now be 'managed internally'. Since then all we have received from the council is excuses as to why nothing has been done."

The meeting will be at The Lamplighter pub in Overstone Road at 7.30pm to-

night. Association treasurer Pauline Ingram said: "Residents come home from work and sometimes drive round and round trying to find a parking place."

"What we want is for the free parking spaces to be for two hours only, to free up more spaces for residents."

"Both the parking situation and the rubbish has got worse in the last six months. It is terrible."

A spokesman for Northamptonshire County Council said: "We will soon be reviewing traffic regulation orders across the county and we will be doing this on an area by area basis."

"This is to ensure they are still appropriate for today's traffic needs."

"We already have a considerable backlog of outstanding requests and will be contacting various groups, organisations etc, including local councillors, to ask if any other requests are due for consideration as part of this review."

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# Lucy battles rare disorder

A MOTHER has spoken about her young daughter's battle with a rare brain disorder after reading an amazingly similar story of another Northampton girl.

Lucy Holden, of Highfield Road, Northampton, was found to have Arnold Chiari Malformation, a rare brain problem that affects one in 1,000 people, in November 2008.

Lucy, who will turn four next week, had to undergo complicated brain surgery. Now, almost 18 months after she was initially diagnosed with the condition, she is recovering well.

Her mum, Joanne contacted the *Chron* after reading a story about Evie Mai Flannery, also four, last week.

Joanne, aged 32, who lives around the corner from Lucy and her mother Louise, was amazed after realising the two near neighbours had undergone the same operation, at the same hospital, almost exactly a year apart.

The condition, which affects the nervous system and can lead to paralys-



Young Lucy Holden is recovering from an operation on her brain  
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sis, usually affects adults and is only very rarely found in children.

Joanne said Lucy began suffering from severe headaches at the back of her head when she was two and quickly suffered

falls, clumsiness and from general lethargy.

As with Evie, Lucy was only diagnosed when doctors, unable to treat her, offered her an optional MRI scan.

Joanne said: "We had two or three CT scans and they were all clear. I then got a letter from Northampton saying they were prepared to do an MRI scan, if we wanted one."

"That was when they found out what she had."

Joanne said her first reaction to the diagnosis was guilt.

She said: "I felt guilty because she had been in so much pain and she had got used to the pain."

"For her it was normal having a headache and it was only when she was having a really bad day she would tell us about it."

Like Evie, Lucy then underwent brain surgery at John Radcliffe Hospital, in Oxford, to ease the problem.

Lucy is now recovering well, although she is still monitored by doctors in Oxford.

Joanne said: "She is always going to have the condition and we have to accept her bad days."

"The operation has been a success."



Evie Mai Flannery with mum, Louise

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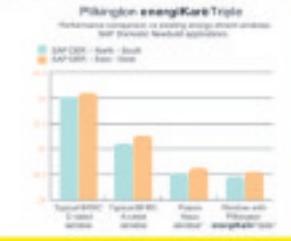
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These improvements have been brought about by the introduction of wider cavities between the two glass panes, low-emissivity coatings being added to the glass to stop heat escaping. The cavity being filled with an inert gas, usually argon and designing out cold bridges, such as aluminium spacers. The question is, does this mean the next step is to move from double to triple glazing? Triple glazing is widely used in cold climate countries like Sweden and Norway.

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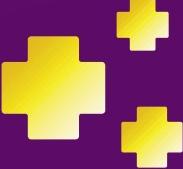


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# Cuts hit frontline policing

PREDICTED cuts in Government funding have meant plans to introduce as many as 80 new frontline police officer jobs in Northamptonshire are now unaffordable.

In its annual budget report, Northamptonshire Police Authority has confirmed that proposals drawn up 12 months ago to increase officer numbers by 2012 will not go ahead, and instead no new frontline roles will be created during the next two years.



"Our medium-term plan also included an aspiration to invest an equal amount in 2010-11 and 2011-12 budgets. This has now been reappraised as a result of three factors.

"Public expenditure and our formula grant income is likely to be severely curtailed from 2011-12 onwards, population and housing growth in the county, which was driving the assessment of officer posts, has slowed from previous years, and council tax capping has tightened, further restricting our opportunity to fund growth."

She added streamlining in other departments would help the force bring officers back to the beat in the county,

"The key feature of this budget is therefore a consolidation of existing police officer numbers while seeking to drive out efficiencies, which return officers to the frontline."

The authority's treasurer, Rosemary Yule, said the force would have to "consolidate" frontline policing posts instead of increasing them.

She said: "In 2009-10 the force invested £1 million in 40 additional frontline officer posts to meet the growing population and service demand across the county.

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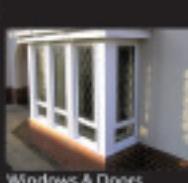
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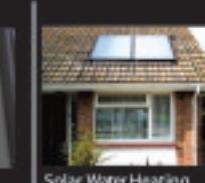
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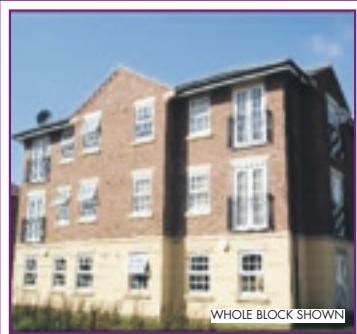
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Notice is given in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Northamptonshire County Council, County Hall, Northampton NN1 1DN intends to discontinue Unity College, Trinity Avenue, Northampton NN2 6JW on 31 August 2010.

It is proposed that pupils will transfer to a new Academy to be established in the same premises from September 2010. Admission may also be sought to other schools that have places available. The school currently provides places for up to 12 students with moderate to profound hearing loss. The Academy sponsor proposes, in partnership with the County Council, to extend this provision to up to 14 students and will seek to ensure that all children with special educational needs will benefit from the improved ICT that the new Academy will bring.

No changes to transport arrangements are anticipated. Most pupils are expected to walk or cycle to school.

This notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained by contacting the officer below on 01604-237910 or through the public participation section of the county council website:

[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Democracy/council/new\\_consultations/register.htm](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Democracy/council/new_consultations/register.htm)

Within six weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to:

Duncan Mills, Strategic Planning Manager, PO Box 216, John Dryden House, 8-10 The Lakes, Northampton NN4 7DD.

Signed : Dated : 22 February 2010

Penny Osborne  
Head of Corporate Governance

Notes: The establishment of the academy is conditional on the signing of a legal agreement.

The proposed sponsor of the Academy is the David Ross Foundation. The Academy will continue to admit up to 240 pupils at age 11 in September 2010 and subsequent years.

## HIGHWAYS AGENCY

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 –  
SECTION 14(1)(a)  
THE A14 TRUNK ROAD (BETWEEN M1 JUNCTION 19 AND THRAPSTON) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC IN LAYBYS) ORDER 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the A14 Trunk Road in the Counties of Leicestershire and Northamptonshire to enable work to be carried out to laybys.

The effect of the Order will be to close any layby adjacent to the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the A14 between its roundabout junction with Rugby Road and the M1 (Junction 19) and its roundabout junction with the A45 and the A605 at Thrapston.

The work will be carried out overnight between 8.00pm and 6.00am is expected to start on Monday 15 March 2010 and last for approximately 10 nights. The Order will come into force on 12 March 2010.

Vehicles being used by the emergency services and vehicles being used in connection with the works will be exempt from the closures.

MIKE LLOYD  
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General enquiries relating to these works may be made to Richard Waterfield, Project Manager on behalf of the Highways Agency, on 01623 886703.

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#### GOODS VEHICLE OPERATORS LICENCE

UPS SCS (UK) LTD of UNIT 1 BLACKTHORNE ROAD, POYLE, SLOUGH SL3 0DA is applying to change an existing licence as follows: to add an Operating Centre to keep 12 vehicles and 2 trailers at 6 SCOTIA CLOSE, BRACKMILLS INDUSTRIAL ESTATE NORTHAMPTON NORTHAMPTONSHIRE NN4 7HR. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at EASTERN TRAFFIC AREA VOSA HILLCREST 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

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The online retailer's co-founder, Fredrik Skantz, says lower prices and convenience are the two main reasons why more and more

people are buying online.

"Prices are more transparent so tend to be lower, and online sellers provide thorough descriptions so buyers can make an informed choice from home, rather than going from showroom to showroom," adds Skantz.

Richard Headland, editor of Which? Car magazine, says: "The internet is revolutionising the way people are shopping for cars."

# Have diesels had their day?

**A**RE we falling out of love with diesels? Perhaps not just yet, but give it a year or two and ask the question again.

For looming on the automotive horizon are changes being pushed through by the lawmakers in Brussels that are going to make diesel cars, especially little ones, so expensive you are unlikely to want one.

It's all down to what comes out of a diesel's exhaust (oxides of nitrogen, since you ask) and what it's going to cost to get them way, way below today's levels. So far below it will make a small diesel car look like an expensive extravagance.

Guess what the car industry is doing, faced with the prospect of keeping its cars saleable in the longer term? Why, concentrating on petrol engines and making them as near to diesel economical as possible.

Which means making them smaller and bolting on a turbocharger to push more mixture into the engine.

The result, done properly, is a car that's a lot keener to rev than a diesel, rewards a keen driver more and can at least approach a diesel's frugality.

Even so, the prospect of driving something like the latest big, big Skoda Superb with a tiny 1.4 litre petrol engine doing the work sounds near to an automotive joke; until you try one. Then it's no laughing matter at all, with enough power to make it a perfectly viable family car, with lounging room to spare.

So imagine what Ford has pulled off by using the same principles – downsizing and turbocharging – with the latest, mildly facelifted versions of its two larger people carriers, the S-Max and Galaxy.

Cutting the engine size from 2.3 to 2.0 litres, but upping the power more than



The Galaxy is a testing ground for Ford's new approach to diesel power

25 per cent and using less petrol in the process sounds more like alchemy than engineering, but the facts are there to support the claims.

Of course, you can still buy a diesel in either car; indeed hardly anyone bought a petrol version of the old Galaxy, such were its obvious benefits over the petrol engines then on offer. Ford thinks it may double the number of petrol Galaxies it sells, but to a still tiny six per cent of sales.

Changes to the diesels are less radical than those visited on the petrol models; they make them a little cleaner and more economical than before.

In a top-spec Galaxy the 2.0 litre diesel

produces enough puff to pull this big car along at a rate of knots, and in something resembling silence at the same time. But at the rate petrol is catching up on the smelly fuel powering my test Galaxy, you wonder how long the diesel dominance will last.

Especially after a morning punting a 200 horsepower petrol S-Max along some interesting Spanish roads on the car's international launch.

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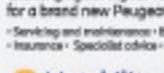


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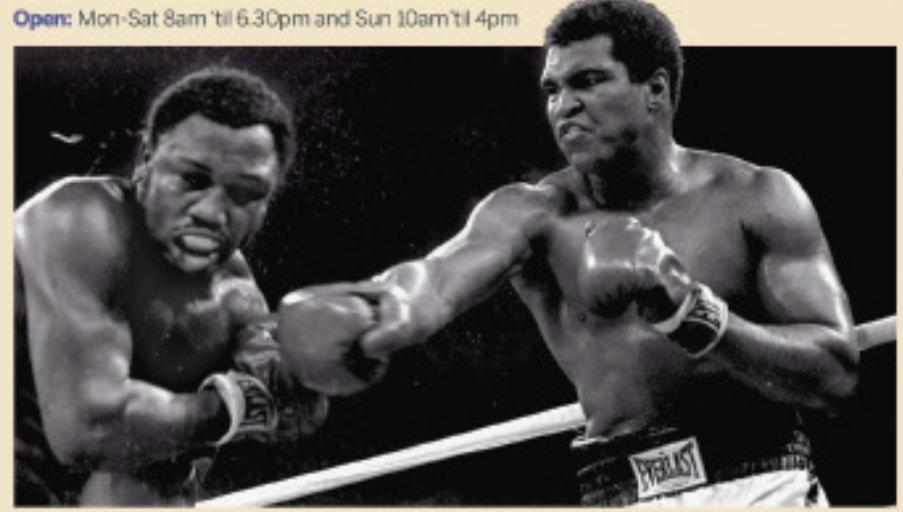
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# Sport

## The past week in headlines

At-a-glance sport from the Chronicle & Echo

**Hartley's call to face Irish**  
SAINTS hooker Dylan Hartley, who signed a new Franklin's Gardens contract this week, has been named in the England side to take on Ireland in the Six Nations on Saturday. Club-mate Ben Foden is on the bench.



**Swann shines**  
FORMER Northants spinner Graeme Swann took three for 14, but England lost their Twenty20 international to Pakistan.



**Murray bid**  
EUAN MURRAY has been named in the Scotland team for their Six Nations clash with Italy



# Sampson sets a nine-win target

**IAN SAMPSON** has challenged his Cobblers team to win nine of their remaining 13 matches and book themselves a place in the Coca-Cola League Two play-offs.

Town won 2-0 at Hereford United on Tuesday night, with Adebayo Akinfenwa netting his 13th goal of the season and Billy McKay getting his sixth.

It was a result that puts Sampson's side eighth in the division, but although they are only two points off Notts County in seventh, they have played five more games than the Magpies.

With less than three months remaining of the current campaign, Northampton know they must maintain their form over the final furlong to stand any chance of being involved in the promotion shake-up.

And Sampson has named the magic number needed from this position.

"I think we'd need to win nine games to stand a chance of getting in there," he said.

"Fair play to the lads, over the last 14 games we've been beaten twice."

"They've shown good spirit to come back from losing those two games. We'll see where this run takes us and it's going to take a lot of hard work."

"To get nine wins is going to be a tough ask but other teams will drop points."

You usually need around 70 points to get there, but teams have got to play each other and they'll lose points."

Tuesday's win was built on a handful of star performances and a more professional attitude, with the manager feeling the latter factor was the difference between beating Hereford and losing at Crewe at the weekend.

"It was an extension of Saturday's game, it's just we were a bit more professional and we were a lot tighter when we didn't have the ball," said Sampson, who lost Luke Guttridge to a toe injury on the morning of the game.

"We talked about that on Monday and we worked on it in training, so it was pleasing to put it into practice during the game."

"John Curtis did a really good job for us in central midfield. We had quite a debate about whether to go with him or Alex (Dyer) but his experience was vital to us."

"He gets a pass away with one or two touches and some of the younger lads hold onto it a bit longer and then the space closes up."

The Cobblers will be aiming to secure the first of those nine wins targeted by boss Sampson when they take on struggling Cheltenham Town at Sixfields (ko 3pm).

■ SATURDAY sees the east Northants derby between Rushden & Diamonds and Kettering Town at Nene Park (ko 3pm).



**GET IN THERE!** – Billy McKay (right) celebrates with John Johnson (left) and John Curtis after firing the Cobblers ahead at Hereford on Tuesday night

## Mallinder snaps up ace Clark

**SAINTS** boss Jim Mallinder believes he has signed one of the hottest prospects in the country after snapping up Calum Clark from Leeds.

The 20-year-old back-row forward will move to Franklin's Gardens next season as Mallinder continues his policy of signing up the best young English talent available.

And Clark is certainly one of those after becoming the youngest forward to play in the Guinness Premiership when he made his debut for Leeds in September 2007 against Saracens at the age of just 19.

Saints fought off bids from Leicester, Worcester and Saracens to sign the youngster, and Mallinder said: "Calum has made an excellent start to his career and we are excited that he will be part of our squad next season."

"He is rightly regarded as one of the brightest prospects in the country. He has good ball handling skills, physicality, and a mature approach to the game that was recognised when he was made England Under-20s captain last year. We understand that there was a lot of interest from other clubs and we are delighted that Calum has confidence in where we are taking the club."

Clark is an established Leeds first-teamer and a quick learner, making 23 appearances during his maiden season at Leeds, 17 of those as a member of the starting line-up.

Clark, who has missed just two of Leeds' matches this season, said: "Saints is a club with ambition and a philosophy of having young, English players in their team. They do the basics very well and match this with flair and talent."

"It will be great to play with the young talent and the experienced guys as well. There is a great set-up there and the opportunity to develop myself and progress is what excites me."

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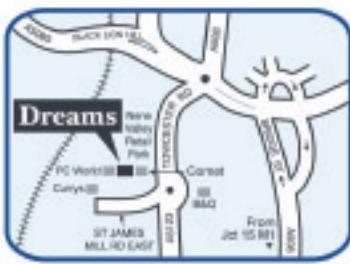
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